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NEWS RELEASE

STATEMENT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL J.B. VAN HOLLEN ON SUSPENSION OF CONCEALED CARRY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

MADISON — By law, the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules (“JCRAR”) may suspend a rule or part of a rule if it determines that certain criteria have been met. Pursuant to that authority, JCRAR has voted to suspend certain portions of the Department of Justice’s (“DOJ’s”) emergency rule on concealed carry that define how applicants may satisfy the training requirement, including the requirement that a “firearms safety or training course” include at least four hours of instruction.

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”) will immediately begin processing all applications for a concealed carry license without reference to the suspended portions of the rule, including applications that were sent or received prior to JCRAR’s action. Applicants may continue using the application form provided by DOJ until a revised form is made available. However, during the period of suspension, DOJ will not enforce the suspended provisions and will not reject any applications for failure to satisfy the requirements set forth in the suspended provisions.

A copy of JCRAR’s action is available at the following link:

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/news/files/administrative-rules-20111107.pdf>

A copy of Attorney General Van Hollen’s testimony to JCRAR prior to this decision is available at the following link:

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/news/files/jcrar-concealed-carry-rule-testimony-20111107.pdf>